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Dear Conservation Partners:

The Colorado Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Technical Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and adjourning by 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Colorado Room of the Holiday Inn Denver West Village located at 14707 West Colfax in Golden, Colorado. In an effort to better facilitate efficient use of time and resources, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is sponsoring a Working Luncheon Session with speakers, and will provide a complimentary box lunch during this session.

Sleeping rooms are available at the Holiday Inn Denver West Village, for \$89 which includes a complimentary buffet breakfast. To make your reservations call 303-279-7611. Be sure to mention the **group code "NRCS State Technical Committee."** The cut off date for room reservations is April 18, 2008.

Agenda topics will include a Irrigation Improvement and Water Conservation Discussion; a report on Conservation Innovative Grants (CIG); a Report on the Programmatic Issues of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) including Wetlands and Buffers; a State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Update; an Update on the Development of Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Proposal in Sub-district #1, Rio Grande Water Conservation District; Market Based Conservation Program Delivery including the Salinity Control Pilot Project Program, and the Wildlife Habitat Program; the New Farm Bill Information and Outreach Strategy; and Closing Comments from the NRCS State Conservationist.

If you have questions regarding this meeting or have additional agenda items you would like discussed, please contact Jeff Burwell, State Resource Conservationist, at 720-544-2811 or Jeffery.burwell@co.usda.gov; Tim Carney, Assistant State Conservationist-Programs, at 720-544-2805 or tim.carney@co.usda.gov; or Linda Neel, Secretary to the State Resource Conservationist, at 720-544-2816 or linda.neel@co.usda.gov. Click on the following link to access the Colorado webpage for updated information regarding the Colorado State Technical Committee.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations, please contact Linda Neel.

<u>If you plan to attend, please RSVP, by April 18, to Linda Neel, to reserve a box lunch.</u> Vegetarian box lunches will be available.

Sincerely,

ALLEN GREEN State Conservationist